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HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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Witches and goblins, fairies and imps of the neighborhood variety, will be knocking on your doors and windows during the next few days. In some parts of the country, those little goblins will whisper in their deepest tones, "Tricks or treat, lady". And by that little phrase they mean you must either give them a treat or they will play a trick on you, such as soaping your windows or sticking your doorbell.

If you choose to enter into the fun of the occasion it's a good idea to be prepared, with fruit or nuts or goodies of some kind. Apples are always a favorite, but this year apples are scarce generally. Oranges are a welcome gift because they are easy for the goblins to spirit home. And nuts are another extra special treat which the children delight in receiving.

Almonds are easy to find in the stores now, and they're also easy to crack. Most of the children find it more convenient to do their eating after they've left your door, and you may have a few earthly shells to sweep up on your front walk the next morning. But the work is worth the fun of being an hospitable neighbor to a host of ghosts.

Here's a suggestion in lieu of the sugar shortage. Hunt through your recipe files till you find a ginger cooky recipe that calls for either dark brown or sorghum molasses and no sugar. You can roll out the cooky dough as thin or thick as you like, and cut different shapes for the cookies. A ginger cooky in the shape of cats, pumpkins, goblin faces and other merry-makers would make even a goblin grin with pleasure.

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